



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

San Francisco Bay Region



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS NOTICE OF FILING A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

To Amend the
Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) will consider an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for San Francisco Bay Basin ("the Basin Plan"). The proposed amendment would:

- 1. Establish site-specific acute and chronic dissolved copper water quality objectives (SSOs) for the Bay north of the Dumbarton Bridge**
- 2. Establish translators, i.e. ratios of dissolved copper to total copper, that will be used to compute NPDES effluent limits for wastewater dischargers in the same portion of the Bay**
- 3. Identify implementation measures to attain the SSOs**

Action on the proposed amendment will be taken in accordance with a regulatory program certified under Section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code as exempt from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 2100 et seq.) and with other applicable laws and regulations.

There will be two public hearings on the proposed Basin Plan amendment:

DATES: May 9, 2007
June 13, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m. (approximate)
LOCATION: Elihu M. Harris State Building
First Floor Auditorium
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MATERIALS:

The proposed Basin Plan amendment, supporting staff report, and other documentation will be available online on March 2, 2007 at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/basinplan.htm#amendments>. Paper copies will also be available from:
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The 45 day public comment period for the proposed amendment expires at 5:00 p.m. on **April 16, 2007**. All written comments, evidence, proposed testimony and exhibits on or concerning the proposed amendment shall be submitted no later than this date and time to the staff contact identified above. Non-evidentiary policy statements to be made at the May hearing need not be submitted in advance.

The Water Board will receive oral public testimony on the proposed amendment at the May hearing. At the conclusion of the May hearing, in response to written comments and testimony received, the Water Board may recommend that staff make changes to the proposed amendment to be presented for its consideration at the subsequent hearing.

The Water Board will not take action until the June hearing. Water Board staff will release any proposed changes to the proposed Basin Plan amendment and/or accompanying staff report prior to the June hearing. Oral public testimony at the June hearing will be limited to comments on changes to the Basin Plan amendment the Water Board or its staff may propose subsequent to the March 2 version. At the conclusion of the June hearing, the Water Board will consider adoption of the proposed Basin Plan amendment, including changes to the proposed amendment that are consistent with the general purpose of the proposed amendment and are a logical outgrowth of the evidence and testimony received.

The public hearings will be conducted in accordance with 23 Cal. Code of Regs. § 649.3. Time limits may be imposed on oral testimony at the public hearings; groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson.

A map and directions to the hearing are available online at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/direction.htm. The location of the hearings is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Executive Assistant Mary Tryon, (510) 622 2399, mtryon@waterboards.ca.gov, at least five (5) working days before a meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

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